

strengthen disclosure requirements in the critical weeks before an election.

Under DISCLOSE, corporations will not be able to hide behind organizations with innocuous or vague sounding names when they run political ads. Organizations that sprout up overnight to participate in campaigns will be required to disclose their donors so voters will know who is sponsoring their ads, while at the same time allowing well-established issue-advocacy groups to protect the privacy of their donor base.

The American people deserve to know who attempts to influence their elections. Once they know who sponsors an ad, they can judge the content for themselves and vote accordingly. The DISCLOSE Act will help voters make their own decisions, a principle that is at the core of our democracy.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this highly important legislation.

RECOGNIZING DARWIN HINDMAN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darwin Hindman, the former mayor of Columbia, Missouri, who retired after 15 years of public service, thus becoming the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

Over the course of his storied career, Mayor Hindman left a significant mark on Columbia's park system by creating Stephens Lake, Flat Branch, and the new South East Regional Park. During his tenure, Columbia grew to over 100,000 residents and saw its downtown greatly improved. Also, as an avid bicyclist, Mayor Hindman transformed Columbia into a more bike-friendly community. It should also be noted that Mayor Hindman has been a great advocate for healthy living and has won numerous awards for his efforts, including the Leadership for Healthy Communities Award in 2009.

In addition, Mayor Hindman is a past recipient of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year, University of Missouri Faculty Alumni, Chevron Times Mirror Publications Citizen Conservation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Association, and MU College of Arts and Science Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Mayor Darwin Hindman is supported by his wife, Axie, children Skip and Ellen, and four grandchildren. Mayor Hindman served two tours of active duty as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating former Mayor Darwin Hindman for his service to the city of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD LEE CHILDERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Clifford

Lee Childers, a family man who had a long and distinguished career in Pulaski County Kentucky.

In 1988, Mr. Childers operated the Somerset Financial Center and while there obtained his real estate and insurance licenses. Soon after, Mr. Childers was able to fulfill his lifetime dream of owning a small business when he opened Childers Financial Services. Performing residential and commercial appraisals in 14 counties he managed a very successful company that serves the Lake Cumberland area.

Mr. Childers was a man of faith and served as a deacon for the East Somerset Baptist Church. Always putting God first he strived to be an example to those around him and spread God's Word through his actions. Mr. Childers also proudly served his country. Enlisting in the Kentucky National Guard in 1970, he served until October 1996 and achieved the rank of Colonel.

Family was always Mr. Childers priority. He was married to Charlene Childers for 37 loving years and together they raised 3 children and were blessed with 5 grandchildren. Whether he was with his family at home in Somerset, Kentucky, or at their 'home away from home' in Bluffton, South Carolina, Mr. Childers treasured every moment with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in memory of Mr. Clifford Lee Childers, a man who tirelessly worked to make the world a better place. His love for life will be truly be missed.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,038,305,786,811.25.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,399,880,040,517.40 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS W. LUDLOW ASHLEY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join my colleagues to honor the life and work of former Congressman Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley.

Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley served the State of Ohio for 13 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, from 1955 to 1981. Mr. Ashley served Ohio's 9th District, which includes the city of Toledo and surrounding Lucas County.

He was a graduate of Yale University where one of his classmates was a future President, George H.W. Bush. Ashley graduated from the Ohio State University Law School in Columbus, Ohio in 1951.

Congressman Ashley was the great-grandson of former Congressman James Mitchell Ashley, who also represented Ohio's ninth congressional district, from 1859 to 1869, and co-authored the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery.

Congressman Ashley's work in Congress has proven very important for American cities. He was chairman of a House subcommittee on housing and community development within the Banking Committee.

In this role, Ashley helped write and pass the Housing and Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977. These important bills paved the way for the Community Development Block Grant program. In recognition of his role as an advocate for affordable housing, Senator Edward Kennedy remarked: "Americans sleep in better homes today because of Lud Ashley."

I join my colleagues in the Ohio delegation in honoring the life of Congressman Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley, and his distinguished service to our State and our Nation.

ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. GLADYS HASKINS

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, July 17, 2010, friends and family will gather to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Gladys Haskins in Wilson, North Carolina. Mrs. Haskins is a strong and caring woman who strives to treat everyone well and always tries to do what is right.

The youngest of 12 siblings, Mrs. Haskins was born in Florence, South Carolina on July 3, 1910. Because her family worked as sharecroppers, she had to leave school after the third grade to work. Her family later moved to Wilson, North Carolina where she met and married her husband, Nathan Haskins, Sr.

After living in Washington, DC for a decade, Mrs. Haskins returned to Wilson, North Carolina where she lives to this day. She maintains an interest in gardening, and has been a faithful member of Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for more than 50 years. And, as the Bible commands in Exodus 20:12, Mrs. Haskins has always sought to honor her father and mother in order to live long in the land the Lord has provided.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Gladys Haskins. She is a truly remarkable person deserving of our deepest good wishes as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.